

The Georgia Board of Nursing met March 16, 2020 by teleconference from the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

Darrell Thompson, RN, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC, President
Tammy Bryant, RN, SN, MBA, NEA-BC, Vice President
Candice Broce, Consumer Member
Holly Free, RN, MSN
Merry Fort, RN, BS
Jennifer Pipkin, RN, MSN, CRNA
Ashlan Porter, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tracey Blalock, RN, MSN, MBA, NEA-BC
Irene (Renie) Cordell, RN
Fredettina (Tina) Fletcher, LPN
Linda Floyd, RN, EdD, PMHNP-BC
K. Andrea Phipps, LPN

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director
Kirsten Daughdril, JD, Assistant Attorney General

Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2020. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was present.

DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH STATE OF EMERGENCY

Thompson noted that the Governor had declared a Public Health State of Emergency and authorized the Georgia Board of Nursing to issue temporary permits to advanced practice registered nurses, licensed practical nurses and registered nurses who are currently licensed in good standing by an equivalent board in another state.

Bryant moved to enact Policy 1.16

Pursuant to the authority in O.C.G.A. T. 43, Ch. 26 and consistent with the Governor's Executive Order for a State of Emergency, the Georgia Board of Nursing authorizes staff to assess applications for temporary permits and to issue temporary permits to licensed practical nurses, registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses who have an active, unencumbered license in any other U.S. jurisdiction who are entering into the state to respond to the declared emergency.

An unencumbered license means a license that is not currently on probation, monitoring, suspension, and/or does not have any other type of limitation including current participation in an alternative to discipline program.

The Board is hereby waiving any application fee for the temporary permit during the State of Emergency for those applying to practice for the purpose of responding to the declared emergency.

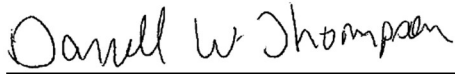
The temporary permit is valid for thirty (30) days. The Board may extend the expiration date of the temporary permit.

This policy is effective while a state of emergency, as declared by the Governor, exists in any Georgia county or until rescinded by the Board, whichever occurs first.

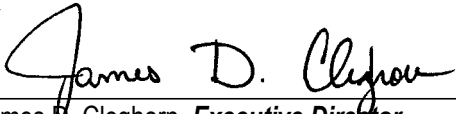
This policy does not impact any provisions or privileges established by the Nurse Licensure Compact as provided in O.C.G.A. § 43-26-61, Article IV.

Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Monday, March 16, 2020 at 6:36 p.m.



Darrell Thompson, **President**



James D. Cleghorn, **Executive Director**